



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Prezant *et al.* Art Unit: 1646
 Serial No.: 09/854,326 Examiner: Unassigned
 Filed: May 11, 2001
 For: **METHOD OF REGULATING BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY OF PITUITARY
 TUMOR TRANSFORMING GENE (PTTG)1 USING PTTG2**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D. C. 20231

Drawing Review Branch

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed along a Response to Notice of Missing Parts.
 The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

A VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE is found after
 Applicant's Remarks, beginning at page 8.

In the Specification:

At page 2, lines 21-30, please delete the entire paragraph, and insert therefor the following
 paragraph:

--PTTG encodes a securin protein the expression of which causes cell transformation,
 induces the production of basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF), is regulated in vitro and in vivo